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READY FOR WAR.

New Military Department of the South Is Now Created.

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Belief That Uncle Sam Has Secured Warships the Dons Wanted.

AMAZONAS AND HER SISTER SHIP.

Senor Bernabe Intimates That Spain Does Not Want War—English Paper Thinks the United States Will Eventually Obtain Command of the Sea.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Hoping for the best and prepared for the worst about represents the situation in the war and navy departments these days. The officials still profess confidence that there is to be a peaceful outcome of the present threatening difficulties, but meanwhile prepare with serenity to meet their duty if events should shape themselves otherwise. The most important and significant developments of the day were the decision of the house naval committee to place in the naval appropriation bill a provision for three new battleships and a conclusion on the part of the secretary of war to issue an order creating a new military department, including within its confines that part of the country which would be in all likelihood nearest to the field of hostilities in case it should come to that.

The order will create a commotion in the south. The present department of Texas is abolished, and the headquarters which have been at San Antonio, Tex., for so many years are abandoned. In place of the old department is created a new one—the department of the south. General Graham, at present commander of the department of Texas, will command the new department. This department will include the states of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

All of these states save the last are at present attached to the department of the east under command of General Merritt at New York. It is said at the department that General Merritt is fully compensated for the strength of the command which passes away from him by the addition to his forces of the two regiments of artillery now recruiting. Headquarters of the new department of the south will be at Atlanta, chosen because of its fine strategical value and from its excellent railroad connections. At present the government has no accommodations in Atlanta for the headquarters of the department, so it will be obliged to hire the most available buildings.

The navy department has now reason to believe that it has secured the two warships Amazonas and her sister ship now building in England for Brazil. It was stated at the cabinet meeting yesterday by Secretary Long that the naval attaché at London, Lieutenant Colwell, had almost completed the negotiations for the sale. So far, however, the final notification from him that his offer had been accepted has not yet reached the navy department. The day passed again without word from the court of inquiry, according to the statement of Secretary Long, who says that he has received nothing whatever from the court itself or from Judge Advocate Marix.

General Wilson, chief of engineers, who has been in Florida, is expected back today to report to Secretary Alger upon the progress of the fortification works in that section of the country and probably especially as to the defense of Tortugas. For the first time yesterday the officials of the war department admitted that they were straining every nerve to improve that part of the defenses of the country confined to their care. It is without question the most unusual mark of confidence in an executive officer to empower him to give orders without limit for the purchase of war material, yet this is what the president and Secretary Alger have done in the case of General Flagler, chief of ordnance, and that officer has not shown any disposition to shirk this large responsibility, but has instructed every concern capable of supplying war material, such as rapid fire guns, shot, shell and ammunition, to go to work at full capacity.

The secretary of the navy has determined that there shall be no wasteful extravagance in his department in the expenditure of the funds so generously provided by congress, and to this end he has addressed the following letter to the assistant secretary of the navy, the colonel commandant of the marine corps and to each of the bureau chiefs of the navy department:

"Under the emergency appropriation of \$50,000,000 made Wednesday you will incur no expense or liability except after written statements and estimates made by you and approved by the president and secretary, all in writing. A special record must be kept of every such requisition. If any liability or expense has been incurred by you by oral direction make such written statement and estimate and submit it at once for such approval. By order of the president."

In anticipation of a rupture between the United States and Spain many naval officers on the retired list have notified the secretary of the navy of their willingness and readiness to perform

any duty in the line of their profession that he may deem suitable for them. There seems to be considerable misapprehension on the part of the general public as to the availability of officers on the retired list for active duty in time of war. Section 1462 of the revised statutes, bearing on this subject, provides that "no officer on the retired list of the navy shall be employed on active duty except in time of war." Under this section it is apparent that if war should break out all officers on the retired list competent to serve will be subject to the orders of the secretary of the navy.

CAPTAIN PERAL SPEAKS.

President of Spanish Court of Inquiry Scouts Torpedo Theory.

HAVANA, March 12.—Yesterday Captain Peral, president of the Spanish naval court of inquiry into the cause of the Maine disaster, granted an interview to a correspondent, whom he authorized to say it was the first and only interview he had given any newspaper on the subject of the inquiry. Captain Peral said: "Our divers are hard at work examining the hull of the Maine. Great difficulty is experienced owing to the deep mud forward of amidships. The whole forward part of the ship is a mass of iron and steel debris. We have hoisted up much of it, but in the mud it is not always possible to tell what parts of the ship, armor, deck, beams or stanchions are found, the explosion so changed their positions."

"We think we have located the ram or prow, but not in the position supposed. The forward turret, mounting two large guns, was blown clear of the hull into the water on the starboard. We shall continue our work and try to examine the hull forward down to the keel. It is possible that we will propose to the American authorities to raise the hull by means of the floating dock brought from England and now in Havana harbor."

"We cannot believe there was an external explosion of a torpedo, for the following reasons: A torpedo, following the line of least resistance, must have blown a great hole in the mud at the bottom of the harbor. No such hole was found. A torpedo must have thrown a large mass of water into the air if exploded at a depth of only 25 feet or so, or at least have produced a wave reaching the other ships and the shore of the harbor. We have examined every one on shipboard or shore who saw the explosion, but no one can be found who remarked any upheaval of the water or a big wave."

"I am therefore of opinion that the explosion occurred within the ship. I know and respect Captain Sigsbee, and I believe the American regulations affecting naval conduct, which I have read and found admirable, were carefully observed. But some things which cannot be foreseen are bound to happen in any navy. I have been reading of the explosion on the English ship Dohrn, which the English believe was caused by chemical combustion in the paint used for quick drying. I have also read an English account of shells that were found burst open because of hardened points that split and produced heat, thus flashing the powder in the interior of the shell."

"As I have said, I do not believe there was any carelessness on the part of the officers of the Maine. I do believe there was an accident which could not possibly have been foreseen. Such is my judgment at present, with the facts that are in possession of the court. When our court of inquiry finally decides, its judgment will be in accordance with the best evidence that can be procured. We are having plans, diagrams and drawings of the wreck made as fast as the divers are able to give us definite information."

Captain Peral was most courteous during the entire interview. He illustrated some of the points he made by ink sketches on the desk before him. He spoke as a judge whose mind was ready to weigh any evidence brought before the court over which he presided. It should be borne in mind that this is the first and only interview he has given any one. Captain Peral requested the correspondent to make it known that he had granted the interview in his unofficial capacity and not as president of the Spanish court of inquiry, which the law forbids him to do.

Our court of inquiry did little, spending much of the time watching the wreckers at work. Captain Sampson is better, though not yet quite himself. Commander Converse and Captain Sigsbee were in consultation with the court, though not officially.

BERNABE INTERVIEWED.

Says Emphatically That Spain Has Not the Least Desire For War.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Senor Luis Polo y Bernabe, the new Spanish minister, for the first time since his arrival, has consented to speak concerning Spanish affairs, observing such reticence on certain phases as diplomatic propriety required. Since the minister's arrival he has received a cablegram from Captain General Blanco stating that the Cuban cabinet has designated Senores Servallos of New York and Barilla, secretary of the Havana Chamber of Commerce, to act with Senor Angulo in negotiating a civil treaty between the United States and Cuba. The minister referred incidentally to this fact, as he regarded it as another evidence of the complete autonomy which Spain has granted to Cuba. Although Senor Polo will be plenipotentiary in arranging a Cuban treaty, the Cuban delegates above named, chosen by the Cuban cabinet, will have entire control of the terms of such a treaty.

When Senor Polo's attention was drawn to recent critical phases of the Spanish situation, he spoke with much reserve. The Lee incident happened while he was on the ocean and he knew nothing, he said, of the circumstances, although he felt confident a misunderstanding had grown out of some casual

allusions to General Lee, not meant as any intimation that his recall was desired. The minister was then asked if he viewed the present condition of affairs between the United States and Spain as indicating war. After a moment's hesitation he answered gravely: "I am sure that the United States does not want war, just as I am sure that the Spanish government does not want war, and will do everything honorable in its power to avert such a calamity."

Senor Polo's first official business after his credentials are presented to the president will be in connection with the new commercial treaty between the United States, Spain and Cuba. He comes fully instructed on this subject, and before leaving Madrid he talked over the general plans with the United States minister, Mr. Woodford. It is not yet determined whether there shall be two treaties with Spain and Cuba separately or one with Spain which shall include Cuba. Until the minister meets our reciprocity commissioner, Mr. Kasson, he does not care to discuss the scheme of commercial exchange which is under consideration.

A PATRIOTIC DISPLAY.

How Dun's Review Styles the \$50,000,000 Defense Appropriation.

NEW YORK, March 12.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says: The vote in the house, 311 to 0, and in the senate without a word of debate, 76 to 0, giving the president discretionary power to apply any part of \$50,000,000 as he may think fit to national defense, is the most impressive display of hearty unity and unflinching patriotism that has been made by this or any other country for many years. That it will prevent hostilities is not certain, but the course of markets proves that it is clearly thought probable in other countries as in this.

The financial powers of Europe, which are able to starve into peacefulness almost any government, may not be able to restrain a mob in Madrid or Havana, but will strain every nerve to keep the peace if they can.

It is most gratifying that no industry or branch of business shows any restriction or hindrance, but some have been rapidly gaining for the past week and month. The railways are gaining, even while speculators are selling their stocks, and the demand for products of all the great industries is increasing.

More gold is coming from Europe than is needed, \$11,700,000 having been ordered during the past week, and money markets are nowhere alarmed or stringent, though reasonably more cautious. The country rest assured that its industrial demand for its products, and practically all of its resources are beyond the reach of any foreign power and that its honor and foreign interests are in safe hands.

Failures for the week have been 248 in the United States, against 256 last year, and 36 in Canada, against 61 last year.

A LONDON PAPER'S VIEWS.

Says the United States Will Eventually Obtain Command of the Sea.

LONDON, March 12.—The Statist discusses the financial side of a possible Spanish-American war. After pointing out the expense of hurriedly creating an American army and strengthening the navy, it agrees that the United States will eventually obtain command of the sea, adding, "Then if Spain submitted the expenditure would rapidly end, and the war might not cost very much." Continuing, The Statist remarks:

"But if Spain prolonged the contest the United States would find itself in an embarrassing position. The creation of a large army to drive Spain out of Cuba would mean a very considerable expense, and, when accomplished, what would the United States do with Cuba? Lastly, if Spain then refused to submit, would America, after capturing the Spanish West Indies, extend the war to Europe? The collapse of Spanish credit might force her to peace, but if Spain simply defaulted her debt and devoted the money she could raise in any way to protracting the struggle the cost to the United States would certainly be very great."

Woodford Distributes Alms.

MADRID, March 12.—United States Minister Woodford, while returning from his drive yesterday alighted at the cemetery at the moment of the interment of the remains of the celebrated foreigner, Frascuelo, who died last Tuesday. General Woodford distributed numerous alms among the poor who surrounded his carriage. There was a great crowd, but no demonstration of hostility toward the American minister, and the incident is much commented upon.

The Fern Departs For Matanzas.

KEY WEST, March 12.—The Fern sailed for Matanzas last night with a cargo of provisions for the starving Cubans. From Matanzas she will go to Santa la Grande. Her departure was without incident. The torpedo boat Dupont has arrived from Mobile. There is no unusual activity among naval officers here.

Woman Lawyer's Practice Extended.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Mrs. Victoria Conkling Whitney of the Missouri bar has been admitted to practice before the supreme court of the District of Columbia and the several departments of the government.

The Relief Fund Growing.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The battleship Maine relief fund, started by Mrs. Long and other ladies, amounts now to \$9,268. Payments are being made from the fund as ordered from time to time by the committee to needy families of the sailors and marines lost in the Maine. Contributions in addition to those already published have been received from President McKinley, Secretary Bliss and other public men.

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ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE.

Jimmy Devore, one of the best known "prints" in this city, tipped his hat on the back of his head, to-day, and said: "Ten years ago to-day, I was carrying an Angus route. The blizzard was here in fine shape and Joe Wolf, a brother of Morris B. Wolf, and now of New York City, and I were the only carriers who showed up. I carried my papers and delivered them through all sorts of banks and deep drifts on Railroad avenue and Grove street. I left the supply at the Wickham avenue depot, and had reached the point along the O. and W. known as 'Grundy's Switch.' I got stuck in big drifts and was becoming tuckered out and badly frightened, when Norman Winner and Lee Davis, two O. and W. men came along and found me. They saw I was winded and frightened, and they carried me all the way home." Jimmy was a good carrier, and is a good printer.

A young man in one of the newspaper offices of this city, has secured the consent of a young lady "on the Hill," to allow the following to appear in this column. It is good because it is true. A few days ago he received a letter from the lady in question asking another man to meet her at the depot on a certain day. This other young man lives in Newburgh and he was at Port Jervis at this time. The note was as follows: "Dear — I will meet Erie train No. —. Be sure and be on this train."

He did the only decent thing for him to do, called on her at once and explained her error. Then she told him that she had written to both him and her other friend and enclosed the wrong letter to each. Luckily neither letter could injure anyone's feelings for as she puts it to her friends, "neither one of them has any particular strings on me" and now each sees he has an open chance to win her.

Apropos of "prints" the ARGUS office has one of the most original compositors in the business. He has a nose for news, and the reporters of this city who have "been through the mill," typographically speaking, find in him a fund of good stories well remembered, but often cleverly originated. He frequently calls out to the man with the shears.

"Did you see this?"
He found the following in an exchange on the day on which the report of the Board of Education meeting appeared and "tipped it off."

"Dear Teacher—You should mind your own business and not tell Jake he should not drink beer, so long as he likes the beer and he likes it when he gets it. I go on the board of education." W. S.

Railroad men are laughing at the experience of Conductor Drake, of the Susquehanna milk train, a few evenings ago. He slipped off the train at the L. and N. E. junction, near Deckertown, and when he attempted to get on again after he had signalled the train to go ahead his hand missed the rail and the train went on without him. He walked back to Deckertown and telegraphed the train crew, who did not know what to make of his disappearance, that he would overtake the train at Franklin Furnace.

DISSATISFIED FARMERS.

Deckertown Farmers Consult as to Milk Prices for the Year.

Farmers supplying milk to the creameries in and about Deckertown met in that village, Tuesday night, to discuss prices for the coming year. The Horton-Lewis Cream Company offers the same price as was offered by the O. C. M. A. at it Goshen condenser, half-a-cent off exchange price for May, June and July and a quarter of a cent off for the remaining months. It is understood that the Beakes creamery will offer a quarter of a cent off the New York price for eleven months and half-a-cent off for one month. The farmers talked behind closed doors, but it is understood that they decided to make a united effort to secure a price within a quarter of a cent of the New York price for the whole year.

Board of Pension Examiners for Sullivan County.

A Board of Pension Examining Surgeons has been established in Sullivan county and pensioners and applicants for pensions will no longer have to come to this city to be examined. The Sullivan county board consists of Dr. W. H. H. Hoar, of Grahamsville, Dr. Curlette, of Mountaintale, and Dr. Piper, of Wurtsboro. The Board will meet at Centreville Station on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

Wants Norwich Farmers to Raise Sugar Beets.

A representative of the Binghamton Beet Sugar Company has been in Norwich trying to interest the farmers in beet sugar culture. The company will pay \$5 a ton for beets delivered at the nearest railway station and farmers are told that they ought to be able to raise at least fifteen tons per acre, which ought to yield a fair return.

A Big Stone Crushing Plant at Nyack.

A large stone crushing plant is to be established on the Hook Mountain, near Nyack. A tract of land has been purchased along the river front extending far up the mountain side and about \$100,000 will be spent in erecting the necessary buildings and machinery. The plant will be larger than the one at Tompkins Cove, which pays out \$70,000 annually in wages.

De Witt's Whole Hare! Suffer! Suffer! Suffer!

OVER THE SHAWANGUNKS.

WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS IN SULLIVAN COUNTY ARE DOING.

The News from All Parts of the County — Many Matters of Interest Condensed from Our Sullivan Exchanges and Contributed by Wide Awake Correspondents.

—Frank Ernhout, of Liberty, has bought Robert Pelton's stock of lumber in Monticello, and leased the yard and will carry on the business hereafter.

—Many citizens of Monticello want the village authorities to take steps for the preservation of the shade trees damaged by the ice storm and prevent the waste of sap by coating the ends of the broken limbs with grafting wax. The authorities say that the corporation will look after the trees in the park, but that property owners will have to care for the trees in front of their premises.

The gold medal offered as a first prize in the Monticello Club's bowling tournament was won by Linden Hatch. Six contestants are tied for the second prize.

—Fred M. Crain and Frank H. Cooper, of Monticello, having passed successful examinations have been licensed by the New York Board of Pharmacists.

—Frank Crowley, who has been driving a milk wagon in New York, is at his home in Monticello recovering from the effects of an injury to the muscles of his side resulting from a bad fall, which he sustained a few days ago.

—Judge Smith in the Mrs. Hammond will case decided that the Monticello Methodist Church is entitled to interest on the legacies bequeathed to it.

—Axford Tiffany, of Roscoe, was at work in his stone quarry and was using a pickaxe, when it hit against a stone and glancing off struck him on the right foot, going entirely through it.

—Of sixty-six teachers who took the examination in the Second District, in January, only two secured certificates, both of the second grade. In the First District, at the January examination, a second and a third grade certificate were earned, all other candidates failing.

—W. Hartig, Jr., of Livingston Manor, was badly hurt, the other day, by his team starting, causing him to fall heavily on his side on the box of his wagon. One rib was broken.

—William Fredenburgh shot a large wild cat near Beaverkill, Saturday. This makes five Fredenburghs who have killed this winter.

—Although a force of men has been at work on the Liberty-Monticello telephone line since the ice storm, they have not been able to complete the necessary repairs and much work remains to be done.

—The second mortgage, \$270, on the M. E. parsonage at Hurleyville having been paid off, Rev. J. R. Mowrie burned the document in the presence of his congregation, Sunday evening.

—There is talk at White Lake that the Jeffersonville-Liberty electric road will run a branch to the lake.

LEASED TO THE O. AND W.

The Jeffersonville-Liberty Electric Road Said to Have Passed Into the O. and W.'s Hands.

From the Liberty Register.

It is reported that the stockholders of the Liberty and Jeffersonville Electric Railroad have leased for a term of years the roadbed to the Ontario and Western Railroad Company, who will put down the rails and equip the road ready for business. This means that the road will be finished at once, and is a good thing for the people as well as for the future welfare of the road. Inasmuch as the road is run to the Liberty depot and along the O. and W. tracks for a distance it seems as though the O. and W. Company is the proper concern to operate the road.

The power house of the Liberty electric light plant, with its powerful double engines, might be induced to furnish the electricity for the running of the road.

Of course the O. and W. has enough old rails along its road to lay on the trolley line, and by the arrangement about all the cash the O. and W. would have to put in would be for its equipment, wire and poles, and laying the track. The arrangement, in all, will be a very satisfactory one to the community.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

Notes of Sunday Services and Other Matters of Religious Interest.

—Second Presbyterian Church, Rev. Charles Beattie, D. D., pastor—Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; C. E. meeting 9:30 p. m. Juniors meet at 2 p. m. H. C. E. Mission Band 2:30 p. m. Strangers welcome. Rev. J. C. Mullan, D. D., will preach in the morning.

—First Presbyterian Church—Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Juniors at 2:30 p. m. Young People's society at 8:30 p. m.

—First Baptist Church, Rev. Frank A. Heath, pastor. Bible School at 9:30 a. m.; morning service at 11 a. m.; prayer meeting at 8:30 p. m. Sentences, subject: "The Kingdom of God is Within You." Evening subject: "A Plan for Humankind." Prayers: "Patriotism."

—Grace (Episcopal) Church—Rev. D. J. Evans, B. A., rector—30 Sunday in Lent. Holy Communion, 7:30 a. m.; Sunday School 9:45 a. m.; sermon and holy communion, 11 a. m.; evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 p. m.

—Faith Mission, 11 Mill street. Elder D. L. Cook, pastor. You are all made welcome to any or all of the services at the Mission. Sunday School, 2 p. m.; gospel service at 3 p. m. and the evening service will be conducted by members of the Y. M. C. A.

—First Congregational Church, Rev. W. A. Robinson, D. D., pastor—Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; young people's service, 6:30 p. m. Evening subject: "Religion by Trust."

—Christ Church (Universalist) Assembly Room, 61 North street. Rev. J. Newton Emery, pastor, Sunday School at 10 a. m. Public worship at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited. Morning subject: "The Love and the How Good the Lord Is." Evening subject: "If Men May Be Saved in Another World, Why Try to Save Them in This?" Rev. J. M. Atwood, president of the Theological Seminary, Canton, N. Y., will preach morning and evening.

—North Street Congregational Church. Morning service at 10:30 a. m. Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Norris. Sunday School, 12 m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m. Seats free. Strangers welcome. Morning subject: "Divine Comfort." Y. M. C. A., North street—Men's meeting at 8:30 p. m. All men cordially invited.

—Free Christian Church—Sunday School, 11 a. m. Preaching in evening by the pastor, Gospel Temperance Union this evening. Evening subject: "Where Do the Present Wars and Rumors of War Place This World in the Prophetic Record of the Bible?"

—St. Paul's M. E. Church, Rev. Frank L. Wilson, D. D., pastor—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; class meeting, 9:45 a. m.; Junior Epworth League, 3 p. m.; Epworth League prayer meeting, 6:30 p. m. Seats free and strangers cordially invited.

—North Street M. E. Church—Sunday School at 2:30 p. m. Robert Lawrence, Superintendent. All are invited.

A VERY LOW DEATH RATE.

Middletown's Good Showing in the State Health Board's Bulletin.

The State Board of Health's bulletin, which gives the mortality statistics for January, was issued this week. In this bulletin Middletown makes a remarkably good showing, its death rate per 1,000 of population being the lowest with one exception of any place in this part of the State. The figures follow:

	Pop.	No. Deaths	Rate per 1,000
Newburgh	24,536	141	20.00
Port Jervis	9,827	16	20.50
Middletown	11,612	11	12.00
Warwick	6,000	6	10.00
Goshen	4,646	10	24.00
Montgomery	5,239	2	—
Haverstraw	7,711	12	18.72
Nyack	6,803	7	14.00
Ramapo	6,600	16	24.00

Left a Million Dollars.

By the will of the late Amos R. Eno, his daughter, Mrs. Mary Eno Pinchot, wife of James Pinchot, of Grey Towers, Milford, Pa., will receive \$1,000,000.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescription from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle.

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A Giant Nerve Builder.

The Mystic Life Renewer is the most powerful nerve builder known. It absolutely cures all forms of nervous diseases and weakness no matter how aggravated or of how long duration, such as neuralgia, nervous prostration, nervous paroxysms, St. Vitus's dance, palpitation of the heart, physical and mental weakness, debility of old age etc.

Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, Druggists, Middletown.

Stop dragging yourself with quack nostrums or "cures." Get a well-known pharmaceutical remedy that will do the work. Catarrh and Cold in the head will not cause suffering if Ely's Cream Balm is used. Druggists will supply 10c trial size or 50c, full size. We mail it.

ELY Bros., 56 Warren St., N. Y. City. Rev. John Reid, Jr., of Great Falls Mont., recommended Ely's Cream Balm to me. I can emphasize his statement.

"It is a positive cure for catarrh if used as directed."—Rev. Francis W. Poole, Pastor Central Pres. Church, Helena, Mont.

Ideal Treatment for Rheumatism.

The "Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism removes at once the rheumatic poison from the system and the disease immediately disappears. Whilst the "Mystic Life Renewer" builds up the shattered nervous system, improves the digestion and restores the general health. It is the greatest cure for all nervous diseases and weakness as well as the most powerful nerve builder known.

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What pleasure is there in life with a headache, constipation and biliousness? Thousands experience them who could become perfectly healthy by using Dr. Witt's Little Early Risers the famous little pills. W. D. Olney.

Children and adults tortured by burns, scalds, injuries, eruptions or skin diseases may secure instant relief by using Dr. Witt's Witch Hamd Salve. It is the great skin remedy. W. D. Olney.

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"After being completely worn out from constant nervous strain, I was advised to use the Genuine JOHANN HOFF'S MALT EXTRACT. It has benefited me so wonderfully that I have become its strongest advocate."

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In the south window. But no matter where you go, you must have protection against the RAINS we are going to have. To that end we recommend our Umbrella stock.

Men's Umbrellas	A Bargain Lot of Half Hose.	Use Envelopes?
49 Cents.	25 doz., seamless, 7c a pair, 6 pairs 25c. 25 doz., seamless, 7c a pair, 4 pairs 25c. 10 doz., seamless, black tan and blue 5/4c a pair.	Most people do. Here's a chance to save money—25c envelopes 25c. North window.
And they are good Umbrellas too. Strong, durable and fast black. Same thing in ladies' style handle. Same price.	Children's Ribbed Hose.	You Will Be Moving Perhaps, and want a Hammer. In the basement are some, good ones at 10 CENTS.
Steel Rod Umbrella		
69 Cents.		
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WEATHER INDICATIONS.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—Rain

to-night and Sunday, colder Sunday;

southerly shifting to easterly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the reading of the thermom

eter at the observatory today:

At 8 A. M. 53°; at 10 A. M. 57°; at 2 P. M. 58°.

AMUSEMENT NOTES.

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ENGLISH VIEW OF IT.

The St. James Gazette Says We Would
Be Justified in Asking Her Support—
Other News on the Situation.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

LONDON, March 12.—The St. James Gazette editorially says: "The Cuban situation cannot be allowed to go on much longer. If the Maine's destruction is proved to have been due to any external explosion it will then be shown that Spain cannot as much as keep order in Havana harbor, and the United States will be justified in refusing to tolerate such a condition of things any longer and in asking our moral support to bring it to an end."

Miami, March 12.—Senator Proctor and his party left at 8.25, this morning, for Washington.

Key West, March 12.—The cruiser Nashville has returned from the Tortugas Islands. The schooner arrived here, this morning, from Havana via Tortugas Islands with five of the Maine's wounded.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Senator Polo de Bernabe, the new Spanish Minister, was formally presented to President McKinley, to-day. The introductions to the President were most cordial.

Berlin, March 12.—The Berlin foreign office has instructed the press to deny emphatically that Germany will aid Spain in case of a war with the United States and has instructed the newspaper to point out that United States is an excellent customer of Germany and that Spain, since the Carolinas squabble, has repeatedly shown unfriendliness to Germany.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Secretary Long, to-day, telegraphed orders to the commander of the battleship Oregon to leave San Francisco and cruise down the coast. The vessel will report from time to time by cable to the department and receive such instructions as changes may warrant.

Madrid, March 12.—The *Imparcial* says: "There is still time to prepare a few men of war and it is perhaps possible to buy a few vessels abroad, but, in any case, we have some merchant ships which could do a lot of harm to American commerce, and we have still time to arrange to carry on a privateering war, from which as much renown may accrue as from the guerrilla warfare which vanquished Napoleon."

Madrid, March 12.—The Spanish torpedo flotilla has not yet left Cadiz. The vessels will sail for Canary Islands as soon as the weather moderates.

Madrid, March 12.—*Liberia* gives the following statement of the strength of the Spanish navy: Protected ships, 17; unprotected ships, 20; gunboats, 80; torpedo destroyers, 14; transports, 27.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Emergency preparations were continued to-day in all branches of the navy and war department. The bureau of construction of the navy finds itself exceptionally prepared for any emergency which they may be called upon to perform with the auxiliary cruisers.

It is due to an organization which in ordinary times is so arranged that a force can be made speedily available for emergency demands. It is said that less than an hour's work would be required in the bureau to complete all plans for transportation of two of the best ships. The delay of work of reconstruction would be accomplished with like dispatch at the League Island navy yard.

FUNERAL OF MRS. JOHN RILEY.

Held at Wurt-boro, this morning, and
largely attended.

The funeral of Mrs. John Riley was held, Friday, March 11, at Wurt-boro, N. Y. It was the largest held in many years. The entire village turned out to show their regard for their departed friend.

The remains rested in a handsome broadcloth casket, with extension silver bars. Requiem high mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Alward, who spoke very feelingly of the departed. The choir of St. Mary's church of Port Jervis, assisted at the services. Many from a distance were present among whom were the following: The Rev. Father Kelly, of White Plains, N. Y.; P. Nugent, Newburgh, N. Y.; Ex-Assemblyman Henry McNamee, of Eddsville; Lister Co.; Mrs. H. Lennen, Paterson, N. J.; James McShane, N. Y.

Among the floral pieces were the following: A large pillow with the word, "Mother," from her children; cluster of roses from sister, Mrs. McNulty; wreath of roses and ferns from granddaughter, Lucy A. Neary; cluster callies and roses, Mrs. W. F. Riley; cluster of roses, Misses Nellie Kirk, Kate Donovan, Sarah Russell and Mrs. McIlave; carnations from Miss Bennett.

PERHAPS SPARED REMORSE IN THIS WORLD.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

New York, March 12.—James E. Yager, a fireman on the steamer Cornell, and a woman, who has not been identified, were asphyxiated by gas in Stevenson's Hotel, this morning.

The woman was dead when found. Yager was taken to St. Vincent's hospital, unconscious.

THE PARIS IS ALL RIGHT.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

SOUTHAMPTON, March 12.—The belated steamship Paris passed Scilly at 8.50 this morning.

What pleasure is there in life with a headache, constipation and biliousness? Thousands experience them who could become perfectly healthy by using Dr. Williams' Little Early Risers the famous little pills. W. D. Olney.

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Itching, scaly, bleeding palms, shapeless nails, and painful finger ends, pimples, blackheads, oily, moist skin, dry, thin, and falling hair, itching, scaly scalp, all yield quickly to warm baths with CUTICURA, Soap, and gentle anointings with CUTICURA Ointment, the great skin cure.

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DO IT FOR YOURSELF.

You can tell just as well as a physician whether your kidneys are diseased or healthy. The way to do is to take a bottle or glass tumbler, and fill it with urine. If there is a sediment—a powdery substance—at the bottom after standing a day and night, there is something wrong with the kidneys. Another sure sign of disease is a desire to urinate often, and still another sign is pain in the back. If urine stains linen, there is no doubt that the kidneys are affected.

Any and all diseases of the kidneys, liver, bladder and of the urinary passages and constipation of the bowels are cured by Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. There is no question about its being the best and surest medicine in the world for such troubles. It quickly relieves and cures inability to hold urine, and people, young or old, who take it are not compelled to get up a number of times during the night. For putting an end to that scalding pain experienced in passing urine, nothing is so good as Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. It corrects the bad effects of whiskey and beer; is pleasant to taste, and does not seem to be medicine at all. Diseases of the kidneys and bladder often require the use of instruments to push back the sandy matter so the urine can be voided. In such cases Favorite Remedy should be taken without further delay or the disease may prove fatal. It is sold for one dollar a bottle at all drug stores. It is well worth many times its price.

Samples Free. If you wish to test Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy before buying it, send your full post office address to the Dr. David Kennedy Corporation, Rondout, N. Y., and mention this paper. We will then mail you a sample bottle free, as well as circulars giving full directions for its use. Every reader of the *Argus* can depend upon the genuineness of this liberal offer, and all sufferers from kidney troubles should take advantage of it at once.

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Dr. Miles' Pain Pills cure Neuralgia.

MARRIED. MILLER-AVERY—At 53 Vermont street, Brooklyn July 24th, '96, by Rev. James M. Dickson, Thomas Miller and Mrs. Fannie, widow of William L. Avery.

DIED. GIBB—At Circleville, entered into rest, March 11th, '98, Daniel Geiney Gibb, aged sixty-nine years, three months.

Friends will meet at his late home, on Monday, at one o'clock and two o'clock at Belleville M. E. Church. Interment in family plot, Belleville Cemetery.

GORDON—In this city, March 11th, '98, Albert B. Gordon, aged fifty-four years.

Funeral services will be held from his late residence, No. 41 Lake avenue, Sunday morning, at nine thirty o'clock. Interment in family plot, at Narrowsburg, N. Y.

FRED O. ROCKAFELLOW, Funeral Director and Embalmer, 99 North street. Telephone No. 1. Lady assistant. New York office 154 East 53d street, with H. E. Taylor & Co.

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1 case Boys' Ribbed Bicycle Hose 2 for 25c

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1 case real Coutille Corsets, a 50c corset, 39c.

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OIL only 60 cents a gallon! None
better made.**

McMonagle & Rogers, 30 North
street.

CARPETS!

They are beginning to move. We
are booking orders ahead, and are
not surprised, as our stock is
NEW, CLEAN AND UP-TO-DATE. We
have NO OLD GOODS to show,
either in

**FURNITURE, CARPETS OR
CROCKERY,**

and you will find THE BEST VAL-
UES FOR YOUR DOLLAR AT

**The Cheapest Place in
the City.**

**FRANCE &
HATHAWAY,**

**25 AND 27 EAST MAIN STREET
Agents Wheeler & Wilson Sew-
ing Machines. Best in the world.**

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Handy things for office at Hanford & Hor-
ton's.
—Flower seeds for sale at W. D. Olney's.
—Rooms to let by C. Purdy.
—Man and wife wanted on a farm.
—Elegant cottage to let.
—Eggs 13c a dozen at Fredmore's.
—Coal orders received at Chas. H. Emde's.
—See members Gen. Lyon Post.
—Spring style hats at Samuel Lipple's.
—Carpet sale for thirty days at C. Emmet
Crawford's.
—"A Guilty Mother," at Casino, March 19th.
—Burpee's seeds at Geo. A. Swain & Son's.
—House of seven rooms to let.
—Business block to let.
—Good business for sale.
—Building lots for sale by Bull & Youngblood.
—Honest goods, and honest prices—Middletown
Wagon Co.
—Two front offices to let in Wilcox Building.
—When ailing, take Mynson's Remedies.
—Backache cured by Benson's Caprine Plasters.
—Colic cured by Hale's Horsebalm, Honey
and Tar.
—Dyspepsia cured by Dr. Dean's Dyspepsia Pills.
—For kidney troubles, take Kennedy's Favo-
rite Remedy.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this
paper contains good local matter, to-
day.

—The report of the Choyuski-Sharkey
fight appears on the sixth page.

—The Wallkill bat works will start up
Monday.

—The rain came down last night and
this morning in a way that suggested a
gentle April shower.

—M. J. Dunham has assumed the
agency of the New York Life Insurance
Company in this county.

—The Chemung county grand jury has
indicted one of its members for "leaking"
the secrets of the jury room.

—James H. Wallick's new play, "A
Guilty Mother," at the Casino, next Sat-
urday afternoon and evening.

—Edwin Jukley won the tea set at
"Tut's" drawing, Friday night, holding
No. 50, the highest priced number.

—Grass in sunny and well drained
spots has started to grow and in some
places has taken on a vivid green.

—To-day's rain interfered more than
a little with the plans which many Mid-
dletown wheelmen had made for Sunday
spins.

—Don't forget the masquerade ball to
be given at the Casino on St. Patrick's
Day (Thursday, March 17th). Tickets
can be purchased at H. S. Dusenberry &
Son's.

—Gov. Voorhees has signed the bill
making Branchville, Sussex county, a
borough. There are about 100 voters and
\$250,000 worth of real estate with-
in the borough limits.

—Mrs. Daniel Corwin is having some
fine improvements made to the interior
of her residence, No. 9 Grove street.
Robert Lemon is doing the mason and C.
Z. Taylor the carpenter work.

—The settling of the ground under the
King street pavement goes on and heavy
wagons, when drawn rapidly through
the street, cause an almost continuous
rumbling that is not a bad imitation of
thunder.

—Edwin Coombe, advance agent of
James H. Wallick's "A Guilty Mother,"
Company, is in town. He says that Mr.
Wallick's play this season is way ahead
of the familiar plays with which Mr.
Wallick's name has been associated.

—Capt. Veber's regulations concerning
carriages at the Casino worked well, last
night, but they will be put to a severer
test, to-night, for if the weather con-
tinues stormy the number of carriages in
use will be greatly increased.

—A large number of tickets have been
taken for the recital, Tuesday night. Re-
serve your seats at Hanford & Horton's
while good sittings may be had. Re-
member that a high class concert at a
popular price is a rare thing in Middle-
town.

—C. Emmet Crawford, having pur-
chased the carpet and wall paper stock
of George B. Adams and combined it
with his very extensive spring purchases
for his own store, announces elsewhere a
special sale for thirty days, which is
worthy of the attention of those who
wish to carpet and decorate their homes.

—Remember that the Von Grabill-
Wickham piano and song recital occurs,
next Tuesday evening, at the First Con-
gregational Church. Von Grabill, who is
a personal acquaintance of Harvey
Wickham, comes very highly recommended,
while Miss Julia Wickham needs no
recommendation in this vicinity. Re-
served seats at Hanford & Horton's at
the low price of thirty-five cents.

—Bull & Youngblood, in an advertise-
ment elsewhere, offer for sale a number
of choice lots on Albert, Harrison and
Lincoln streets and on Grand and Beattie
avenues. The Bull & Youngblood
tract has been developed into one of the
most popular residence parts of the city
and those seeking home locations would
do well to look at these lots before pur-
chasing.

—There is to be no personal canvass in
behalf of the recital at the First Con-
gregational Church, Tuesday. It has been
said that no concert could be run suc-
cessfully in this city without appealing to
the people individually. So far as can be
judged at the present date this is an
error. Many who in time past have been
induced to buy tickets rather against
their will at the solicitation of some
friend seem to welcome an entertainment
which appeals to them on its merits
only.

A Great Surprise

Is in store for all who use Kemp's Bal-
sam for the Throat and Lungs. Would
you believe that it is sold on its merits
and any druggist is authorized by the
proprietors of this wonderful remedy to
give you a sample bottle free? It never
fails to cure acute or chronic coughs. All
druggists sell Kemp's Balsam. Price 25
and 50c.

All pains relieved by Dr. Miller's Pain Pills.

PERSONAL.

—Miss Adaline Westervelt went to
Stapleton, S. I., to-day, to visit Mrs.
Frank Lebar.

—Mrs. Henry A. Castle went to New
York, to-day, for a visit to her sister,
Mrs. Peter Pulver.

—Mr. and Mrs. Alanson Cole, of Mid-
dletown, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs.
Isaac Cole.—Wantage Record.

—Al-x Mosher, formerly of Campbell
Hall, has assumed charge of the cream-
ery at Starlight, Pa.

—Mrs. Purdy, of New York city, who
has been visiting relatives in this city,
returned home, to-day.

—Officer Elieha White, of this city,
has been for several days, the guest of
Harrison Watts, of Matamoras, Pa.

—Miss Mary Fitch, of Pateron, who
has been visiting in this city, returned
home on the Mountain Express, this
morning.

—Floyd Masters, who has been spend-
ing a week with relatives and friends in
this city, returned, to-day, to his home
in Albany.

—Adrian H. Crawford, of Middletown,
son of C. E. Crawford, spent Thursday
morning in Deckertown on a business
trip.—Independent.

—Mrs. Albert Flynn and little son of
Middletown arrived in town on the noon
train Friday to visit friends in this place
and Sparrowbush.—Port Jervis Union.

—Mrs. D. B. Allen, of Matamoras, has
been spending a few days' with relatives
in Walton and Middletown. She return-
ed home Wednesday evening.—Port
Jervis Gazette.

—In the list of officers elected by the
Woman's Missionary Society of the First
Presbyterian Church, Thursday, the
name of Mrs. George Marsden, treasurer,
was omitted.

—Rev. J. C. Millian, D. D., who has
been secretary of the Home Mission
Board for the past eight years, will
preach at the Second Presbyterian Church
to-morrow morning.

—Miss Nettie Bedford left for New-
burgh, to-day, for a few days' visit. She
was accompanied to the train by a
coterie of young people who attracted
more attention than any theatrical com-
pany which has been here in months.

—Deacon J. W. Skidmore has returned
from a week's hunting trip at Bridge-
port, Conn. He had excellent luck and
brought back with him a generous sup-
ply of ducks, which he has distributed
among his friends, and has added "duck"
to the Commercial House menu for to-
morrow.

ONLY A SLIGHT FIRE.

James Ural's Kerosene stove suffered
from a Wick.

An alarm was sent in from box 14,
to-day, and Eagles and Exclors re-
sponded in quick time, the former truck
fatally injuring the Eagles' pet dog
"Colonel" and another dog on the way.

A kerosene stove in the house of James
Ural had caught fire, through the im-
proper burning of a wick, and it was
deemed best to send in an alarm. Mr. Ural,
however, at the expense of the beauty of
his mustache, put out the fire after a
short fight. An extinguisher which he
always kept near was found to be
worthless.

Eagles laid a line of hose, but it was not
needed. Miss Flora McCabe, who was
present, fainted away during the excite-
ment of the fire.

IT WAS A STOLEN RIG.

Frank Warren wanted to drive to Mil-
ford to see "a sick aunt."

Tuesday afternoon, a man who gave
the name of Frank Warren called at S.
B. Myers' livery stable, at Port Jervis,
and hired a single rig to go to Milford to
"bring back a sick aunt." He failed to
return, and Mr. Myers lost all track of
the rig until Friday, when he learned
that the rig had been sold here.

Last Tuesday afternoon, a man drove
a rig to Wilkinson's livery stable and
offered to sell it. Mr. Wilkinson declined
to purchase, and it was finally sold to
Alderman George Waldorf for \$35. Mr.
Myers came here, Friday, and recovered
his horse and wagon.

After selling the rig Warren returned
to Wilkinson's and said he was going to
Chicago.

STATE HOSPITAL CONTRACTS.

Awards Made To-day for Meat and Milk
supplies for the next six months.

The committee in charge of the milk
and meat supply at the State Hospital
opened bids, to-day, and awarded the
following contracts for six months:

Beef—Middletown Beef Company.
Veal, mutton, bacon, ham and should-
ers—Armour Company.

Milk—Andrew T. Berthoff, W. P. Upte-
grove.

The awards were made in each in-
stance to the lowest bidder.

Police Court.

—The Schultz vs. Carney assault case
should have come up to-day, but in the
absence of the defendant the case was
adjourned until Monday.

—One case of plain drunk couldn't
raise the \$3 fine and went to Goshen for
ten days.

Is Now Foreman of the Street Force.

John Walsh, proprietor of the cafe on
Railroad avenue, has been made fore-
man of the street force, vice W. H. Wood
resigned.

After years of untold suffering from
piles, B. W. Parrell of Knitersville, Pa.,
was cured by using a single box of De-
Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases
such as eczema, rash, pimples and ob-
stinate sores are readily cured by this
simple remedy. W. D. Olney.

OBITUARY.

Daniel Gedney Gibb.

Correspondence of Argus and Mercury.
After less than a week's illness of pneu-
monia, Daniel Gedney Gibb passed peace-
fully away at his home in Circleville,
Friday night.

On Monday, he took dinner with his
daughter, Mrs. Ellis, and seemed in his
usual health. On Tuesday, he was not
feeling well, and Wednesday morning a
physician was summoned who pro-
nounced his disease inflammation of the
liver and discovered symptoms of pneu-
monia, which developed rapidly. Al-
though conscious a greater part of the
time he continued to fail until he breathed
his last at 11:45, Friday night.

Mr. Gibb was born in Newburgh, this
county, and was the eldest son of John
and Eliza (Gedney) Gibb. His earlier
life was spent near Kingston, Canada,
and in 1852 he was united in marriage
with Sarah J. Ayres and came to live on
the homestead farm of her mother. He
followed the occupation of a farmer until
about fourteen years when he purchased
a home in Circleville where he has since
resided.

Mrs. Gibb passed to her heavenly home
a little more than two years ago, after
which time it seemed that Mr. Gibb aged
rapidly.

He was among the first members of the
Bullville M. E. Church and for many
years held the office of steward and
trustee. But since residing in Circle-
ville he attended the Presbyterian Church
there a greater part of the time.

He is survived by two daughters, Susie,
wife of L. V. Ellis, of Circleville, and
Mary, wife of C. B. Wilkes, of this city,
and one son, George, who is an operator
on the O. and W. Railway. Also by the
following brothers and sisters: David and
George, of Newburgh; Benjamin, of Pen-
nellsville, Oswego county; Ellen, wife of
James Raney, of Philadelphia; Mary,
wife of Enoch Griffith, and Eliza, wife of
Daniel Wisner, both of whom reside in
Ogallala, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be held at Bull-
ville Church, Monday afternoon, at 2
o'clock.

THE ANDREWS OPERA COMPANY

"Martha," as sung last night, pleased
a very large audience.

The Andrews Opera Company opened
at the Casino, Friday night. They were
greeted by as fine an audience as could
have been selected, and appreciation
ranked ahead of numbers. The romanti-
cally opera "Martha" was given by a
thoroughly competent cast and chorus,
and the audience responded generously
and at frequent intervals. The soloists
were particularly good and the musical
enthusiasts who made up the attendance
are agreed, to-day, that Manager Torrey
has furnished them a treat in the And-
rews Opera Company.

The matinee, this afternoon, drew a
very fair audience, and gave good satis-
faction.

A BUSINESS CHANGE.

Jacob B. Crosby is now with C. Emmet
Crawford.

Jacob B. Crosby, the well known sales-
man, retired from the employment of
George B. Adams, to-day, and has
assumed the duties of a position with C.
Emmet Crawford. Mr. Crosby is one of
Middletown's oldest and best known
salesmen. He began his services here with
the old time firm of Hoyt, Adams & Co.,
in 1870. Later he and B. C. Woodward
were placed in charge of the Horton &
Owen store on North street, which the
firm had purchased. Except for two
years' employment with J. W. Rose, he
has been steadily employed by Mr. Adams
up to the present time. Mr. Crawford
will find in him an employee who is as
well liked as he is well known.

Who is the Owner of This Boat?

John E. Hulse, a farmer whose resi-
dence is near Milo, on the banks of the
Wallkill River, discovered on Tuesday
last an empty rowboat floating on the
river in front of his house. He captured
it and fastened it to the shore and has
since been expecting the owner to call for
it, but he has not come yet. The boat is
fourteen feet in length and a fairly good
one.

Ontario and Western Increased Earn- ings.

The Ontario and Western reports for
the first week of March earning of \$59,
049, an increase of \$4,377 over the cor-
responding week last year and of \$13,
596 over 1896. The earnings from July
1st are \$2,781,772, an increase of \$96,
279 over the corresponding period last
year, and of \$198,705 over 1896.

Wawayanda Whipporwills Entertained

The members of the Wawayanda Whip-
porwills were pleasantly entertained,
Friday night, at the home of David
Kirby, near Springville. About fifty
couples participated. Roescher's orches-
tra furnished the music for dancing.

Real Estate Sales.

—Mrs. E. C. Devens has sold to Charles
Koeher her fine cottage at No. 49 Broad
street, through the agency of T. B. Day-
ton.

Gave Him a Surprise.

A number of young people gave Master
Ward Edwards a surprise at his home on
Albert street, Friday night.

It is economy to profit by the ex-
perience of others. Thousands have
been cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, why
not you?

Be-
cause it is the only medicine that
cures the blood, and makes the skin
smooth, and gives the face a healthy
glow.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Bought a Fast Horse—Enlisted in the
United States Army—Starting Judge
for a Southern Circuit—Enlarging His
House—At His Old Shop.

From Our Regular Correspondent

—A. E. Potter has purchased of James
Platt his fast young road mare by Madis-
on.

—Philip Scamernhorn, an employe of
the Newbury foundry, resigned his posi-
tion, last Friday, and enlisted in the
United States army, at Albany.

—George H. Mills is acting as starting
judge in a southern trotting circuit in
North Carolina. He was accompanied
as far as Washington by Capt. S. M.
Tutill, the recent purchaser of the Van
Sickle property, who will visit several
in that vicinity.

—An addition will be erected to John
L. Rutan's residence on Orange avenue.
Work will commence next week.

—James Straney, of Middletown, has
leased the blacksmith shop formerly con-
ducted by him on Greenwich street. Its
present occupant, E. B. Rose, will re-
open the shop he formerly conducted on
West Main street, corner High street.

EARLY CLOSING OF BARBER SHOPS

Proposed to Continue the Agreement
to Close at 8 o'clock four Evenings a
Week.

The barbers of this city are so well
pleased with the practical workings of
the early closing experiment inaugurated
several months ago that it is pro-
posed to continue it for a year. An agree-
ment to that effect is about to be circu-
lated for the signatures of shop owners. The
barbers say that their customers have
readily adopted themselves to the shorter
hours and that a saving in the cost of
lighting their shops more than makes up
for the little, if any, business that is lost.

Disqualified Basket Ball Players.

The A. A. U. Registration Committee
has disqualified the basket ball teams of
the Newburgh wheelmen, and Teuth
Separate Company. The players are
Ditters, McCannell, Brockway, Kinsley
and Marton of the former and Pine,
Wood, Johnson, LaTour and Mead of the
latter.

Have Postponed Their March Entertain- ment.

Owing to the death of Samuel Foster,
the entertainment planned by Lancelot
Lodge, K. of P., for March, has been
postponed indefinitely.

The lodge conferred the rank of page
on two candidates, Friday night.

Thinking Over a Klondike Barber Shop

A well known journeyman barber is
understood to be figuring up his cash
with a view to starting for the Klondike.
He does not propose to dig for gold but
will open a barber shop there, for he has
figured it out that big money can be
made from the miners.

Goshen People Waken Up the Montgomery

The report reached this city, this morn-
ing, by way of the trolley from Goshen,
that the worship, Montgomery, had
been blown up in Havana Harbor. It
was as true as the rumor, last week, that
Consul Lee had been killed by a Spaniard.

Ensign Powelson at the Maine Wreck.

Ensign Powelson is pictured again in
to-day's New York Herald. He is pre-
sented as standing with arms a kimbo
at the Maine wreck with one foot on the
retilt bottom plates which he dis-
covered had been forced up through the
superstructure.

Discovered the Thief.

H. K. Wood, after a little detective
work, discovered the thief who took his
champagne, as mentioned in Friday's
Argus, and man settled the matter by
paying for the wine.

A Milkman's Breakdown.

J. B. Houston, the well known milk
dealer, had a breakdown, this morning,
on North street, and the "lactical fluid"
was late at some homes which he sup-
plies.

Give the Children a Drink

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetiz-
ing, nourishing food drink to take the
place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and
liked by all who have used it because
when properly prepared it tastes like the
finest coffee but is free from all its in-
jurious properties. Grain-O aids di-
gestion and strengthens the nerves. It
is not a stimulant but a health builder
and children, as well as adults, can drink
it with great benefit. Costs about
one-fourth as much as coffee. 15 and 25c.

A Giant Nerve Builder.

The Mystice Life Renewer is the most
powerful nerve builder known. It abso-
lutely cures all forms of nervous dis-
eases and weakness no matter how ag-
gravated or of how long duration, such
as neuralgia, nervous prostration,
nervous paroxysms, St. Vitus's dance,
palpitation of the heart, physical and
mental weakness, debility of old age etc.
Sold by J. E. Mills, No. 2 Empire
Block, Druggists, Middletown.

Have You Eczema?

Have you any skin disease or eru-
ptions? Are you subject to chafing or
scalding? Dr. Agnew's Ointment pre-
vents and cures any and all of these, and
cures itching, bleeding, and Blind Piles
beside. One application brings relief in
ten minutes, and cures cured in three to
six nights. 25 cents. Sold by James T.
King and McMonagle & Rogers.

Royal makes the food pure,
wholesome and delicious.



ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

Unfailing Stomach Disease.

Permanently cured by the masterly
power of South American Nerve Tonic.
Invalids need suffer no longer because
this great remedy can cure them all. It
is a cure for the whole world of stomach
weakness and indigestion. The cure
begins with the first dose. The relief it
brings is marvellous and surprising. It
makes no failure; never disappoints. No
matter how long you have suffered, your
cure is certain under the use of this great
health-giving force. Pleasant and always
safe. Sold by J. E. Mills, druggists
Middletown, N. Y.

No morphine or opium in Dr. Miller's Pain
Pills. CURE All Pain. "One cent a dose."

GEO. B. ADAMS & CO.

RETIRING SALE

Is Drawing to a Close.

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LAWLESS ACTS OF FISHERMEN.

Why Walkill River Property Owners Keep Fishermen Off Their Premises—What Justice McNamee Says.

Fishermen who have been wearing out their strength lifting flat nets and any number of tons of water, down at the Walkill, have felt that Mr. Marsh and Mrs. Hulse, the mill owners, were harsh in ordering them from their premises, and several indignation meetings have been held. Friday afternoon, several desired to cast from the southerly shore but were prevented by Mr. Marsh. Later, two men who desired to test the legality of the matter waded the stream and fished regardless of Mr. Marsh's orders to move away. Mr. Marsh went to Justice McNamee and expressed a desire to prosecute. No action, however, was taken.

Justice McNamee said, to-day: "The owners of land along the Walkill have no objection to decent fishermen. They do not care to fish themselves, but they do object to the trespassing of reckless men who tear down stone breakways and carry away lumber with which to make standing places. The man who went decently to Mr. Marsh or Mrs. Hulse and asked to fish there under restrictions not to destroy or disturb their property would be treated as gentlemen and accorded permission to fish. But when young whelps go into an unused mill and start it up, as they did in Mrs. Hulse's case, or go into a milk house and drink milk and spill in the water what they do not drink, a few spoils the fun a great many like to enjoy."

MILK PRODUCERS UNITE.

Farmers of Five States Forming an Association for Protection.

About twenty-five delegates from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, members of the Five States Milk Producers' Union, met yesterday morning at Smith & McNeill's Hotel to effect a permanent organization. The representation was by delegates from what are known as route unions, organized along the railroad line in the five States, the only roads not represented being the Long Island and the New York Central. The object of the proposed organization is to make an effort to regulate the price of milk, now controlled by the Milk Trust, the farmers composing the association claiming that they should receive not less than \$1 a can, while the trust had put the price down to forty-four cents last summer, and even the present price of seventy cents left no profit for them.

At an afternoon session at the Broadway Central Hotel a permanent organization was effected by the election of A. G. Loomis, who represents the Erie Road section, as President. The other officers will be elected at another session to be held to-day at 10 a. m.

SUPPLY STILL SHORT.

Many Farmers Will Not Accept the C. M. A.'s Prices.

The Orange County Milk Association's condenser near 6th station is still short of its regular supply of milk, although a part of the farmers have signed the association's contract. Manager Decker says that about one-half of them have done so, while a farmer states that the number will not exceed one-third. A number of those who refused to accept the association's terms are disposing of their milk at the Howell condenser.

Getting Ready for the Trout Fishing Season.

The trout fishing season will open April 16, but the warm weather of the past few days has stirred a fever in the blood of local fishermen and they are already overhauling rods and fly books so as to have everything in readiness for the opening day.

Improvements to the Newburgh Court House.

From the Newburgh Journal. Supervisors Mashier, Turhill and Wells, of the Building Committee, inspected the Court House, Friday. The interior of the building has been repainted and some of the rooms repapered and newly furnished.

Worse Than the Roman Law.

J. G. Montross, a Wyoming county, Pa., farmer, has just been convicted of selling cider without a license and sentenced to three months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$600.

Trolley Notes.

—Ex-Motormen Osterhout and Lancaster will resume their old positions, Monday.

—D. V. Malley is breaking in under the direction of Conductor Bouton.

MARCH, APRIL, MAY.

These are the Months in Which to Purify Your Blood.

This is the season when your blood is loaded with impurities, accumulated during the winter months, from close confinement, rich food, and other causes. These impurities must be driven from your system or they may breed serious disease and cause untold suffering. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the greatest and best blood purifying medicine it is possible to obtain. It is what the millions take in the spring. It will purify and enrich your blood, create an appetite, tone up your system, and give you sound, robust health.

Years of suffering relieved in a night. Itching piles yield at once to the curative properties of Doan's Ointment. Never fails. At any drug store, 50 cents.

KIDNEY DISEASE OVERCOME



Salesladies are necessarily on their feet much of the time. The same is true of many women whose household duties keep them busy from morning till night. The result is headaches, dizzy spells, pains in the back and a feeling of being utterly tired out. The trouble can often be traced to the Kidneys, Bladder and Urinary Organs. To make sure those parts are affected, put some urine in a bottle and let it stand 24 hours. A sediment at the bottom is a positive sign of Kidney trouble. So is frequent desire to urinate, especially at night; pain in passing water; stains on the linen; pain in the small of the back; inability to hold urine.

There is no necessity for a doctor for either men or women in such cases. Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy can be taken, and relief and cure will follow. It is to be found in the drug stores at the small cost of \$1 for a large bottle.

SAMPLE BOTTLE FREE.—Send your name and address to the Dr. David Kennedy Corporation, Rondout, N. Y. Mention this paper, and a sample bottle and pamphlet of valuable information will be mailed to you free of charge. Favorite Remedy will prove upon trial to be everything claimed for it. The publishers of this paper will guarantee this offer to be strictly genuine in every sense of the word. Don't delay writing us.

ON A SOUTHERN TRIP.

The Misses Morgans Will Sail for Jacksonville, Fla., To-day.

Miss Maud Morgans and sister, Miss Lillian, who is connected with the staff of the Press, leave, to-day, for the South. They will sail at 3 p. m. on the Algonquin of the Clyde line for Jacksonville. They will make a short stop at Charleston enroute. They will also visit St. Augustine and other resorts in that vicinity. They will join Mrs. E. E. C. Brown at Jacksonville and will return in about a fortnight on the steamer Comanche.

"Fifty Years of Cures."

The J. C. Ayer Company, of Lowell, Mass., which has been one of the most successful concerns in the proprietary medicine business, celebrated recently the semi-centennial of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Very few medicines have a record of "Fifty Years of Cures," but the Ayer remedies, backed by solid merit, made known to the public by generous advertising, are, despite their many years, but in the infancy of their usefulness.

Hangs Fire in the New Jersey Legislature.

The bill legalizing the merging of the Susquehanna and Western with the Erie hangs fire in the New Jersey Legislature. There are some legislators who cannot be convinced that it is good public policy to repeal by special act the provisions of the law which forbids the consolidation of lines which are practically parallel and which ought to be competitors.

Impure Blood in Spring.

This is the almost universal experience. Diminished perspiration during winter, rich foods and close confinement indoors are some of the causes. A good Spring Medicine, like Hood's Sarsaparilla, is absolutely necessary to purify the blood and put the system in a healthy condition at this season.

Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver tonic. Gentle, reliable, sure.

The War With Spain.

It will never come, but the famous Bine B. Remedies of the Jee Hwang Yook Series will revolutionize medical science. No. 1 cures Rheumatism; No. 2 cures La Grippe; No. 3 cures a Cough or Cold; No. 4 cures Catarrh; No. 5 is a perfect appetizing Tonic; No. 6 cures Impotency; No. 7 is the Children's Relief Soothing Syrup. Call for sample free. 1,000 references.

Sold by John J. Chambers, druggist, Sole agent for Middletown, N. Y., 57 North street.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

JAS. P. FICKE, Commission Broker, Stern Building, 18 North street, Middletown, N. Y.

Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions bought and sold for cash or carried on margin.	Yesterday	To-day
Algonquin	127 1/2	121 1/2
Chicago Gas	83 1/2	81
Nat. Lead	291 1/2	273 1/2
General Electric	31	30
U. S. L. pref.	69	69
Penn. Coal and Iron	18 1/2	17 1/2
A. T. & S. F.	10 1/2	10 1/2
C. B. & Q.	8 1/2	8 1/2
C. M. & St. P.	8 1/2	8 1/2
D. L. & W.	8 1/2	8 1/2
C. of N. J.	90 1/2	80 1/2
Erie	12 1/2	12 1/2
D. and H.	109	106
O. & W.	14 1/2	14 1/2
Susquehanna & Western	—	—
Susquehanna & West., pref.	—	—
P. & B.	16 1/2	16 1/2
N. W.	117 1/2	114 1/2
L. R.	110 1/2	109
N. Y. C.	24 1/2	23 1/2
Texaco	—	—
U. P.	26 1/2	24 1/2
W. Union	55	84 1/2
L. & N.	45 1/2	46
Manhattan	90	90 1/2
P. M.	23 1/2	22 1/2
Wabash, pref.	16 1/2	14 1/2
No. Pacific, pref.	16 1/2	14 1/2
Metropolitan Traction	138 1/2	138 1/2
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	37 1/2	36 1/2
Southern, pref.	26 1/2	24 1/2
May Wheat	104	101 1/2
May Corn	30 1/2	30 1/2
May Oats	26 1/2	26 1/2
May Pork	\$10 20	\$9 85
May Lard	5 20	5 12

"Ayer's Cherry Pectoral"
saved my child's life in an attack of
"Croup."

G. H. FRANKLIN,
Bedford Springs, Va.
HALF-SIZE BOTTLES, 50c.

ONE CENT A WORD

for each insertion. No advertisement taken for less than 10 cents.

HOUSE of seven rooms to let. Enquire at 76 East avenue.

FOR RENT—For light manufacturing and business purposes the centrally located building, Nos. 24 and 26 John street, d12,157. A. B. WILBUR.

TO RENT—Four or five rooms, second floor, every improvement, to small family of adults; also four rooms, first floor, to small family, rent moderate. C. PURDY, 55 Linden avenue.

FOR RENT—The two front offices and one in the rear of them, on the second floor in the Wilcox Building, adjoining the post office. It is seldom you can get as central, well lighted and arranged offices as these. H. R. WILCOX.

MAN and Wife wanted to work on farm. Enquire at this office.

A GOOD Paying Business for a J. L. Little money required. P. F. KAUFMAN, 31 Mill street.

FOR RENT—Elegant Cottage, all modern improvements, hot and cold water, bath, stable, large range, etc. The garden, best location, within two minutes' walk of the depot. Rent \$15.00. Enquire of CHAS. KEENER, 37 Broad St.

THE Annual meeting of the stockholders of the Middletown Ice Company will be held at the office of the company, Saturday, Mar. 12, 98, at 7 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. JOHN D. WOOD, Secretary.

THE Klondike isn't in it with the bargain in second-hand goods at LOEVEN'S Storage House, 21 Monahan avenue. 7841y0223,98

TO LET House on Grove avenue, 10 rooms and bath, suitable for two families, city water. Enquire of T. A. MARCH, 74 East av. nue.

LOWER Part of house, 69 East avenue; lower part of house, with barn, 30 Canal street; lower part of house, with barn, 208 East Main street, for rent. Enquire of P. CUMMINGS, 100 North street, corner East Ave. and Fulton St. 7841y

TO RENT—Eight-room house, modern improvements, heated with hot air and range. The finest location in the city. Enquire at 119 Wickham avenue.

FOR RENT—Parish cottage, six rooms, Richmond Heights, Mountain avenue; also Carter cottage, Garden street, and very low. EDWIN S. McBRIDE, Attorney at Law, Rooms 8 and 9 Times Building, King street.

BABY Carriage and Parson, good condition, \$3.50; case of surgical instruments \$4. Singer sewing machine, good working order, \$3.50. EXCHANGE AND MART CO., No. 46 East Main street.

PRETTY Cottage on Main street—Just painted outside, papered and painted throughout inside, city water, flagged, trolley passing door, etc. Rent to suit the times. See THOMAS WATTS, 15 East Main street.

MARCH 1st, 1898.
SPRING TIME—SIGN TIME.

WHEN YOU WANT THAT SIGN, WRITE ME ABOUT IT.
G. F. HARRIS, SIGN ARTIST, WURTSBURG, N. Y.

UNTIL the end of March, '98, I shall do shoe repairing at the following prices: Men's soles from 40c up, ladies' 25c up, children's 20c up. I make a specialty of rubber soles. CHAS. E. THE SHOE MAKER, 30 W. Main street.

WANTED—By women, each with an infant or young child, situation in the country (general housework, plain cooking, etc.). Small wages expected. Apply State Charities Aid Association, 106 East Twenty-second street, New York city. 7441noMch17dewsmMav170h

GEN. LYON Post, No. 2, G. A. R.—Attention, Comrades!—The members of this post are requested to assemble at headquarters, to morrow (Sunday), March 13th, at 8:30 a. m., to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of our departed comrade, Lieut. Albert B. Gordon, Co. K, 142 N. Y. Vol. White gloves and memorial banners will be worn.

A. B. WHEELER, Commander.
C. M. WINCHESTER, Adjutant.

20 Cts. a Pound
FINEST ELGIN BUTTER.
SLOAT'S CASH STORE

13c Per Dozen
For Fresh Eggs.

C. N. PRODMORE & SON.

Coal, Coal.

Up Town Office of
WOOD & HORTON

Chas. H. Emde's, City Tailor,
North and King Streets.

WANTED ON THREE CHARGES.

Ed. White Arrested by the Port Jervis Police on Three Warrants.

For three months the Port Jervis police have been looking for Ed. White, who figured in the Marshall shooting case at Carpenter's Point, some six months ago. There were three warrants for him, one for stealing a horse from a farmer at Lebanon Lake and two for assault on Fred and Mrs. George Hoyt. White has been in Pennsylvania, but Thursday night he came across Barrett bridge and was nabbed by an officer, but without a sharp resistance.

Thos. J. Ray's Application for a Certificate of Reasonable Doubt.

Argument on an application for a certificate of reasonable doubt in the case of Thomas J. Ray, of Newburgh, convicted of receiving stolen goods, at the last term of the county court, was held by Judge Keogh in Brooklyn, Thursday. Decision was reserved. William Vanamee and Headley & McClung appeared for Mr. Ray and Assistant District Attorney Seeger for the people.

Signs of an Early Spring.
From the Honesdale Citizen.

The old pioneer with knowing eye and rattlesnake laugh, exclaims as he shifts his eud, "This is to be an early spring because skunk cabbage has begun to sprout between the rocks, and cellar spiders have chosen their mates."

An Orange County Village's Leisure Class.

Chester Correspondence of Goshen Independent. There are about 120 able-bodied men, young and old, in Chester, on whose brows enough perspiration never breaks out in earning their bread to moisten a 2x3 blotting pad.

The Population of Middletown.

Is about 15,000 and we would say at least one-half are troubled with some affection of the Throat and Lungs, as those complaints are, according to statistics, more numerous than others. We would advise all not to neglect the opportunity to call on their druggists and get a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs. Price 25 and 50c. Trial size free. Sold by all druggists.

No matter how long you have had the cough, if it hasn't already developed into consumption Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup will cure it.

Builds up the system, puts pure, rich blood in the veins; makes men and woman strong and healthy—Burdock Blood Bitters. At any drug store.

WHY WE ARE ALWAYS BUSY.

Not because of flowery and exaggerated statements, but because of real values, truthfully announced. As every one knows this is the dull season for dry goods selling. Our modern ways are not satisfied with waiting for trade, but create it. For the next few weeks our object is not to make money but sales. We have received many special values, in desirable goods, that we have marked extra low to stimulate early buying. Our counters and shelves are loaded for this great special sale with hundreds of articles that we haven't space to mention. The few items below will answer for the whole storeful. Be sure and get your share.

Black Dress Goods.

40-inch all wool Black Serge, sold by all for 39c; for this sale 29c. 38-inch Black Brilliantine, the regular price 40c; for this sale 33c. 38-inch all wool Figured Black Goods, regular price 50c; for this sale 40c. 42-inch Black Brilliantine, worth wholesale to day 52 1/2c a yard; for this sale only 50c. 46-inch all wool Cravenette Serge, sold by all for 69c; for this sale 59c. 46-inch silk finish Brilliantine, sold all over the world for \$1; for this sale 75c. 50-inch all wool silk finish Black Serge, real value \$1.25; for this sale 80 cents.

Colored Dress Goods.

800 yards New Spring Dress Goods. Among the lots are 38-inch all wool mixtures in new spring shades, 38-inch Wool and Mohair Mixtures, 38-inch cotton, wool and silk mixtures, the wool all thrown on the outside. Not one yard in this lot worth less than 39c. For this great sale all to go at 25 cents.

A Silk Bargain.

600 yards Black Figured Silk, 20 and 24 inches wide, made to sell at \$1. The manufacturer's loss is your gain. For this sale only 69c. Figured China Silk—Goods we carried from last season—Mostly navy blue grounds. Our price was 25 and 50c a yard. Fine for summer shirt waists. As long as they last 15 and 39c a yard. Not much more than cotton goods.

Dress Linings

Best Kid Cambric 3c a yard. 15c fast black Perkaline 10c a yard. Best French Real Hair Cloth, all shades, 25c a yard. Silasia, all shades and fast Black, 10c a yard.

Wash Goods

Sea Island Percelle, the best goods made. Sold everywhere for 12 1/2c; here at 10c. Zephyr Gingham, all new goods, advertised in other stores worth 12 1/2c. Here at 8c. Fine French Cambrics, 36 inches wide, yarn dyed, mostly navy blue and black, figured or stripes, 12 1/2c a yard. We sell only such goods that we can warrant, no trash.

2,442 Yards Embroidery.

Four lots of new Embroideries in 4 or 5 yard lengths—all fine goods—fully one-third to one-half less than the regular prices—at 10, 12 1/2, 15, 19c a yard.

\$1 Silk Velvet 59 Cents.

We have six new shades in this lot—Cream, grey, mode, brown, cerise, turquoise. Fine for hat or dress trimmings. For this sale only 59c a yard.

Domestics.

Best Indigo Blue Prints 4c a yard. 8c all linen Brown Crash. For this sale only 6c a yard. 5-4 Bleached Pillow Cases 7 1/2c. 5-4 best Bleached Pillow Cases 12c. 6-4 best Pillow Cases 14c. Best Bleached Sheets made 40, 44, 48c. White Bed Spreads 49, 75, 98c., all hemmed ready for use. Good Bleached Muslin 4 1/2c a yard. Best Bleached Muslin made 6 1/2c.

Muslin Underwear.

All our reserve stock goes into this sale from our special lots. No use sewing when you can buy made-up garments at these prices. Ladies' Muslin Drawers 15, 25, 30, 40c. Ladies' Gowns 39, 49, 59, 69, 79, 89, 98c., \$1.19. Ladies' Corset Covers 15, 19, 25c. Ladies' White Skirts 39, 49, 75, 89, 98c., \$1.29, \$1.48.

What is new we have, and sell the new, not only at lower prices than others ask, but at lower prices than others sell the old.

HART DAVIS,
No. 45 North Street.

Spring Medicine

Experience teaches the importance of special care of the health. And fixed among the important principles of hygiene and health is the acknowledged necessity of a good Spring Medicine.

Just as firmly established by the experiences of millions of people, is the positive fact that Hood's Sarsaparilla is "far and away" the best blood purifier and spring medicine ever produced. The necessity is found in the impure condition of the blood at this season, owing to the close confinement and breathing vitiated air in office, store, shop, house, schoolroom or factory; excessive eating and drinking too rich and hearty food; late hours and social indulgences. With the blood thus thick and impure, the machinery of life grinds hard. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies, vitalizes and enriches the blood, builds up and strengthens the nerves and tones the stomach. It oils up the machinery of the whole body; the liver takes up its work anew, the kidneys resume activity, the ache goes out of the back, the bowels are regulated, the appetite restored, the food is relished and assimilated.

Don't wait till you are thoroughly sick before you begin to take a Spring Medicine. Lock the door before the horse is stolen. Take Hood's Sarsaparilla now as a preventive and it will pay you a thousand fold in health and strength through the coming summer.

"We always take several bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla in our family every spring as a tonic and blood purifier and we find that it overcomes that tired feeling gives new life, and keeps us well all summer." WM. RINGEL, 813 5th Ave., Peoria, Illinois.

Excellent Spring Medicine.
"For a number of years I have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla in the spring, not for any particular ailment, but on general principle, that the system needs a tonic at this time, and I have always found Hood's Sarsaparilla a most excellent spring medicine." HAZON HAMMES, Engineer, Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

That Tired Feeling.
"I was troubled with that tired feeling all the spring. I purchased three bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and when I had taken about half of it I was feeling well again. I believe Hood's Sarsaparilla to be an excellent blood purifier and tonic." MISS ORA E. MORGAN, Bussey, Illinois.

Builds up the Health.
"We take Hood's Sarsaparilla as a tonic in the spring. Two of our children had tonsillitis and their blood was in a bad condition. Hood's Sarsaparilla built them up, and we have taken it again this spring with much benefit." MRS. P. H. CARROON, Pleasant Lake, Mass.

N. B. If you decide to take Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to buy anything else instead. There is no substitute for Hood's.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Sold by all druggists. \$1, six for \$5. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The One True Blood Purifier.

Cottage Hotel Entertainments.

WEEK OF MARCH 7.

Just One More—Harry C. Perkins, comedian, dancer and singer; George Hamilton, acrobatic and dance artist; Lizzie Steward, descriptive vocalist, and Edith G. Paulsen, etc. P. S.—Don't forget the grand ball, Thursday night, in connection with the above show. Care leave for Middletown at 1 a. m., and Goshen at 12:20.

HENRY E. MEYER.

Highest Cash Price Paid for Dead Cows and Horses

for fertilizing purposes, within the radius of 12 miles from Middletown. Orders received by telephone, telegraph or postal at my cost. Also orders received at 128 Fulton street, Middletown.

TO Every Man Who Wears a Shirt.

300 Unlaundered 7 1/2c White Shirts, made from Wamsutta muslin, 4-ply bosoms, set in strong stays, bodies very full, 36 inches long, re-inforced front and back, split neck-band to keep collar button from touching neck, side seams, felled and double stitched, with patent gussets, perfect fitting, all open in the back. As long as they last 50c.

200 Pairs Lace Curtains.

Lot 1—50 pairs Nottingham Curtains, 3 yards long, 49c a pair. Lot 2—50 pairs Nottingham Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, 98c and \$1.48. Lot 3—100 pairs Brussels Net Curtains, 3 1/2 yards long, extra wide, all dainty new patterns, at \$1.98, \$2.48, \$2.98. Match them for double the price if you can.

50 Pairs Chenille Curtains.

All full 3 1/2 yards long, mostly pretty greens and reds, new style fringes, handsome dados. As long as they last \$2.48, \$2.98, \$3.48.

Curtain Poles and Rods.

300 Ash, Cherry and Walnut Curtain Poles, with brass trimmings, complete, 5 feet long, 19c. 200 White Five-Foot Poles, with white fixtures to match. For this sale only 25c. Best White Enamel Five-Foot Poles, with fixtures, complete, 40c. 1 gross 15c Brass Curtain Rods, extend from 24 to 44 inches. For this sale only 10c each complete.

84 Dining Room Table Covers.